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1. See if there is a **REUSE** purpose for your leftover paint either in your own home or at a local non-profit organization. If not, proceed with the following steps.
2. Take the lid off and fully dry out the left over paint. To speed up the process, you can add kitty litter, saw dust or another drying agent directly inside the can. If you have a large amount of latex paint, line a box with a garbage bag, spread kitty litter & wadded up newspaper inside the bag, pour the leftover paint over the materials. Leave until it is fully dried out.
3. Place dried out cans or box inside a garbage bag and dispose of with your residential trash. If the cans are visible, the haulers will leave them at your curbside. This is due to the haulers not having the time to ensure each and every can is dried out appropriately and they are taking preventative measures to eliminate spills on our roadways or causing damage to their equipment.

If you have oil-based paint, contact the District office for our next collection opportunity. Oil-based paints are considered a household hazardous waste and should be disposed of properly.




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